



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KILGER et al.

Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 09/339,103

Examiner: Horlick, Kenneth R.

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For: METHOD FOR THE UNCOUPLED, DIRECT, EXPONENTIAL AMPLIFICATION AND SEQUENCING OF DNA MOLECULES WITH THE ADDITION OF A SECOND THERMOSTABLE DNA POLYMERASE AND ITS APPLICATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 18, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated October 18, 2002, the period for response having been extended for two months from January 18, 2003 to March 18, 2003 with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 37 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for sequencing at least a portion of a RNA involving converting the RNA to a DNA and simultaneously amplifying the DNA and generating full length and truncated copies of the DNA for sequencing, comprising the steps of